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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Naoki TOMIYAMA

Serial No.: 10/659,442

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For: PISTON COUPLING MECHANISM,  
LOCKUP DEVICE FOR A FLUID-TYPE:  
TORQUE TRANSMISSION DEVICE,  
ELASTIC COUPLING MECHANISM  
AND SPRING INSTALLATION  
METHOD FOR AN ELASTIC COUPLING:  
MECHANISM

Patent Art Unit: 3682

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Thus, *no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.* However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

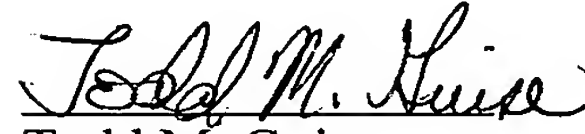
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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